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Leadership team,

See attached SecDef report on Military and Security Developments involving China. Sharing for our SA. It's 192 pages; some highlights below from Dr Moore.

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All, This DOD Report has just been released and provides outstanding insights - at a minimum I HIGHLY recommend reading the Executive Summary. Please feel free to share this information as you deem appropriate - it is critical to ensure adequate awareness and instill a higher sense of urgency re. the important and critical work everyone does to support our national security and economic competitiveness.

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From the Preface:

The PRC's national strategy to achieve "the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation" by 2049 is deeply integrated with its ambitions to strengthen the PLA. In 2017, General Secretary Xi Jinping laid out two PLA modernization goals during his speech to the 19th Party Congress: to "basically complete" PLA modernization by 2035 and to transform the PLA into a "world class" military by 2049.

Throughout 2020, the PLA continued to pursue its ambitious modernization objectives, refine major organizational reforms, and improve its combat readiness in line with those goals. This includes the PLA developing the capabilities to conduct joint long-range precision strikes across domains, increasingly sophisticated space, counterspace, and cyber capabilities, and accelerating the large-scale expansion of its nuclear forces. In 2020, the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) announced a new milestone for PLA modernization in 2027 broadly understood as the modernization of the PLA's capabilities to be networked into a system of systems for "intelligentized" warfare. If realized, the PLA's 2027 modernization goals could provide Beijing with more credible military options in a Taiwan contingency.

CHINA'S NATIONAL STRATEGY

Key Takeaways

► The PRC's strategy aims to achieve "the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation" by 2049 to match or surpass U.S. global influence and power, displace U.S. alliances and security partnerships in the Indo-Pacific region, and revise the international order to be more advantageous to Beijing's authoritarian system and national interests. This strategy can be characterized as a determined pursuit of far-ranging efforts to expand the PRC's national power.

► Despite challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, Beijing continued its efforts to advance its overall development including steadying its economic growth, strengthening its armed forces, and taking a more assertive role in global affairs. In response to both long and short-term economic trends, the CCP unveiled a new economic strategic task, or a new "development pattern," called "dual circulation (双循环)."

► The PRC has characterized China's view of strategic competition in terms of a rivalry among powerful nation states, as well as a clash of opposing ideological systems. Beijing views the United States as increasingly determined to contain the PRC, creating potential obstacles to its strategy. Additionally, the PRC's leaders are increasingly willing to confront the United States and other countries in areas where interest diverge.

Very interested in your thoughts and ideas on how we can best compete - suggest we can do a lot better than we are to stay ahead and deter aggression.

My concern is that they are building up rapidly and robustly with clear purpose and intent including overtaking Taiwan as an imperative as well as changing the international order from democratic and rules-based to authoritarian and CCP-led. And they are doing everything methodically with clear, well-considered short/medium and long-term strategies with that in mind.

Note I: Their nuclear weapons modernization, development and deployment is nothing short of alarming and astounding especially given that their mainland is under no threat.

Note II: China's internal and external problems are mounting very fast from water/air/food pollution, energy shortages, food and water shortages, financial "house of cards" (Evergrande) and questionable financial reporting/transparency (inability/unwillingness to comply with US financial transparency and accounting requirements), internal political tensions with Xi Jinping's aggressive approach - growing potential for a coup, internet and media censorship, declining trust around the world, COVID-19 resurgence etc. One naturally worries about an external "bold" action as an internal distraction strategy so that Xi Jinping and the CCP can stay in power.

Suggest we need our own comprehensive (Whole of Nation) well-considered strategies and the means and mechanisms to lead the change and transformations necessary at scale to secure our nation.

Best, Dale

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